

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City Employees  
City Attorney  
Police Captain Herman Lopez  
Lieutenant Jeff Buompensiero  
Division Chief Robert Fish  
Battalion Chief Bonifacio De La Cruz  
Battalion Chief Bill Lawe  
Sherry Barkas, The Desert Sun

FROM: Jon McMillen, City Manager

DATE: December 10, 2020

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

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#### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- For COVID-19 related information for residents, businesses and to view **all testing sites** in the Coachella Valley, please visit the City microsite [www.laquintaca.gov/covid19](http://www.laquintaca.gov/covid19)
- **Riverside County Public Health** reporting 1,244,845 tests performed, 107,324 positive cases and 1,539 deaths countywide as well as 1,295 cases and 20 deaths in La Quinta as of Wednesday, December 9.
- ICU Bed Availability: SoCal Region = 9.0% and Riverside County = 6.1%
- The [Regional Stay Home Order \(PDF\)](#), announced December 3, 2020, and a [supplemental order](#), signed December 6, 2020, will go into effect at 11:59 PM the day after a region has been announced to have less than 15% ICU availability. The supplemental order clarifies retail operations and goes into effect immediately. They prohibit private gatherings of any size, close sector operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and require 100% masking and physical distancing in all others.

Once triggered, these orders will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks. After that period, they will be lifted when a region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis after the initial 3 week period. [Learn more about these orders.](#) **As of 12/11 the Southern California Region has 9.9% ICU availability.**

- **CA NOTIFY:** Get exposure notifications and help stop the spread. Sign up for COVID-19 exposure notifications on your phone with CA Notify. The privacy-protected tool lets you know if you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Sign Up. Save Lives. To sign up click: [CAnotify.ca.gov](https://cnotify.ca.gov)

- **COVID-19 Emergency Economic Relief Fund - Rebate Program:** This Program allows businesses that are eligible to be reimbursed for qualified purchases related to COVID-19 safety preparedness to help businesses moving forward with reopening in a safe manner, per the California State Industry Guidance (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>). **Applications will be open until December 31, 2020.**
- **COVID-19 appointments for testing available online:** Riverside County residents interested in getting screened for coronavirus at one of several county-operated testing sites can make an appointment online. Residents are encouraged, **with or without symptoms**, to get screened for the virus and there are no out-of-pocket costs to individuals. To make an appointment, click [www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing). Residents can also call (800) 945-6171, seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Appointments are required. To make an online appointment at a state-run testing site, click [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting)
- **Lift to Rise** has improved the rental assistance application process to reach more people throughout Riverside County who could use a lift. Applications are open at [www.UnitedLift.org](http://www.UnitedLift.org) or by calling 2-1-1.
- **Lifestream Blood Drive** is hosting a blood drive at La Quinta Medical Center on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm. Appointments are highly recommended by visiting: [www.lstream.org](http://www.lstream.org) La Quinta Medical Center is located at 47647 Caleo Bay, La Quinta.

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

- La Quinta Station is hosting a Stuff the Bus event at the Walmart Supercenter store at 79295 Highway 111 in La Quinta, on Sunday, December 20 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Stuff the Bus is a donation drive to fill with Personal items, including toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, cleaning supplies and other hygiene items. Items are then delivered for use at local Operation Safehouse locations.
- **SNIP Bus-Spay Neuter Imperative Project**  
Mobile Clinic will be at the La Quinta Public Library on December 20th. Services are limited to the pets that are being fix and appointments are required. Please call 925-788-1763 to make an appointment.

## ***Wellness Center & Recreation***

- The Wellness Center is closed for fitness due to Riverside County regressing into the purple tier.
- The Riverside County Community Action Partnership program and the La Quinta Wellness Center have partnered as a Warm Center Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to provide drop-in sites for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in

need of temporary relief from the cold weather. Please make sure to have a face covering with you as you must wear one while at the warm center.

- La Quinta Wellness Center is now offering fitness and leisure programming virtually via Zoom. Classes are available to help you stay active, virtually socialize, and have fun! The classes are led by seasoned instructors who have tailored their classes for virtual instruction. Complimentary classes for Fitness Gym Members only include Sculpt, Fit, and Core on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm and Stretch & Restore on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am- 8:30am. Registration for virtual classes can be made through at: [https://laqwebtrac.laquintaca.gov/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html?Interfaceparameter-WebTrac\\_1](https://laqwebtrac.laquintaca.gov/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html?Interfaceparameter-WebTrac_1)
- The La Quinta Wellness Center will begin offering outdoor fitness classes in November. Enjoy exercising in the fresh outdoors as you continue your fitness journey. Essential Fitness, Tai Chi and Stretch and Restore are available for online registration now! Classes will take place at various locations on the Civic Center Campus. Please call the Wellness Center for more details (760) 564-0096 or visit [https://laqwebtrac.laquintaca.gov/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html?InterfaceParameter=WebTrac\\_1](https://laqwebtrac.laquintaca.gov/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html?InterfaceParameter=WebTrac_1)

### ***Food Programs***

- The **La Quinta Wellness Center** is your resource for food distribution and general information. Call (760) 564-0096 Monday Through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. for service.
- In partnership with FIND Food Bank, the City participates in bi-weekly food distribution at Washington Street Apartments, Hadley Villas, Coral Mountain Apartments and Wolff Waters Apartments. Interested parties are encouraged to call (760) 564-0096 for more information.
- The City provides food-drops (food bag/box for each household) to Coral Mountain, Hadley Villas, Washington Street Apartments and Wolff Waters residents. City staff works with FIND to coordinate food drop-off and delivery on site.

With help from local partners, FIND Food Bank continues to distribute food at the following locations:

- La Quinta High School (79255 Blackhawk Way, La Quinta CA, 92253) 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 10:00am-12:00pm
- La Quinta Community Fitness Center Park (77865 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta CA, 92253) Seniors ages 65+ proof of age required, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 8:30am-10:30am
- Desert Recreation District La Quinta (77865 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta CA, 92253) 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 7:00am-11:00am
- Contact **FIND Food Bank** at (760) 775-3663 for more information.
- **Certified Farmer's Market** is held every Sunday from 8:00am-12:30pm through May. The Farmer's Market takes place in Old Town La Quinta and features local vendors offering tasty

treats, organic produce, handmade gifts, and more! For more information visit <https://www.certifiedfarmersmarkets.org/>



### ***La Quinta Library***

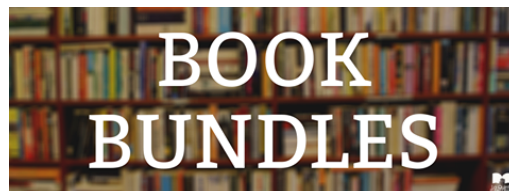
- The Library will be offering a Holiday Lights Craft Kit for teens ages 13 to 17. Starting December 1 to December 23, the Teens can request their craft kit through the LAQLibraryTeens Discord server at <https://discord.gg/SktcBce>.
- On Wednesday, December 16 at 11:15am, the library will host "In the Stacks" Storytime with Miss Sara on its Facebook Page. There will be songs, stories and lots of fun with Miss Sara during this live Storytime.
- The Library will host Among Us: A Game On! Special Event, on the LAQLibraryTeens Discord server on Friday, December 18 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. This live, virtual event is for teens ages 13-17. To participate, make sure you've joined the Discord server at <https://discord.gg/SktcBce>
- The La Quinta Library is open to the public with limitations. Face coverings and social distancing mandates are in place. Occupancy is limited to 10 patrons at any time, with (1) 60-minute visit per day. Express Services will continue, and all materials should be returned to the outside book drops only.
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- The La Quinta Library has partnered with The Palms at La Quinta Assisted Living to create community connections with a **Letters to Seniors** program. This program will run from November 9<sup>th</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and invites community members of all ages to help combat feelings of isolation by mailing positive and kind words through cards, postcards, homemade cards, drawings and encouraging letters to the address below. Please make sure that your mail is legible and handwritten in large print. Keep your message positive and kind. This is a one-way mail program only, not a pen pal program. Do not include requests for reciprocation.

From November 9<sup>th</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, please send all sunny thoughts to:  
Community Connections: Letters to Seniors  
c/o The Palms at La Quinta Assisted Living  
45160 Seeley Drive  
La Quinta, CA 92253

For the return address, please put:  
La Quinta Public Library  
78275 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

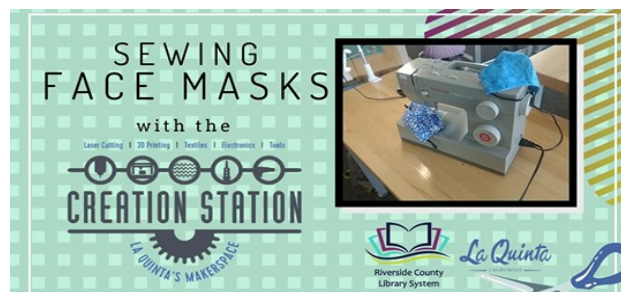
- The Library offers Express Service for holds pickup. To arrange for a pickup, call the library at 760-564-4767 or visit [www.rivlib.net](http://www.rivlib.net) to place a hold request. When you receive a notification that your hold is available, call the library to schedule a pickup time. Arrive during your designated pickup time and call the Library for further instructions. A face covering is required when picking up your items. Celebrate and enjoy being able to borrow library books again! Return materials to outside book drops only. La Quinta Library Express Service hours are Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.rivlib.net/website/express-service-6548> for more information.



- *Library Book Bundles* are now available for our patrons by request. You can also fill this form out to request books by AR levels for your child. Please visit the following link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PyD2Sd77mpgTkKb8ZUXJqJc\\_Is6Mimj8xzZu0k0HoTc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PyD2Sd77mpgTkKb8ZUXJqJc_Is6Mimj8xzZu0k0HoTc/edit)
- Call the library's Express Service 760-564-4767 starting Saturday, December 12 to request a FREE holiday goodie bag while supplies last! Each goodie bag is filled with crafts, treats, and more.



- **Creation Station** is offering digital events! Sew with Ronni is a monthly series on the Creation Station's YouTube channel. Visit [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi\\_w9QaEVAYOh2XRiEu8Ieg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi_w9QaEVAYOh2XRiEu8Ieg/)



- Creation Station Gingerbread Contest. Create an original structure using gingerbread cookie. Submit entry form with photos by no later than 6:00pm on December 14<sup>th</sup> to Creation Station. Winners announced December 18<sup>th</sup>. For visit more information visit: <https://bit.ly/35321Eu>

### La Quinta Museum

- Walk or drive by the La Quinta Museum every Saturday in December 5:00pm to 9:00pm to experience *Uncertain Times: Illuminated- Creativity amidst pandemic and protest*. Since the museum can't show art IN the museum, they're showing art ON the museum! Exhibits feature art and poetry projected large scale and lit up onto the front of the museum.





- Good Books Zoom Discussion December 17, 4:00pm Join in this holiday version of our book group for great reading recommendations for the New Year. Please see the Museum Facebook page for Zoom info.
- THURSDAY ZOOM Lecture will be held on December 17, at 1:00pm The Elvish Pedigree Presented by Stefanie Ritter. This lecture is part of Desert Lecture Collaborative, where your favorite museums from the lower and high deserts, such as the Coachella Valley History Museum, the La Quinta Museum, the Morongo Basin Historical Society, and Hi-Desert Nature Museum have come together to bring interesting content to your fingertips while social distancing. Sign up for this Zoom lecture at: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfr5Cvi.../viewform>
- The YMCA of the Desert is providing childcare to essential workers at the La Quinta Museum. YMCA staff have received required COVID-19 health & safety trainings, necessary cleaning & sanitizing supplies, and has implemented program protocols to ensure all Local, County, State, and Federal guidelines are being met. The fee for childcare services is \$165 per week, drop off is 7:30am-8:00am and pick up is 5:00pm-5:30pm. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis and space is limited. To reserve childcare contact Gail Solomon, Member Services: Family YMCA of the Desert office: (760) 341-9622 or Email: [gailsolomon@desertymca.org](mailto:gailsolomon@desertymca.org)
- Riverside County Office of Education is available to provide childcare services to essential workers. To receive more information and an application for emergency childcare services contact the Riverside County Office of Education Early Care & Education at (800) 442-4927 or email [cclupdates@rcoe.us](mailto:cclupdates@rcoe.us)
- The **La Quinta Museum** invites you to experience the work of 35 artists and 15 poets as they express their insights gained during these *Uncertain Times* through art and poetry. Please visit <https://uncertaintimeslqmuseum.art/> available online 24/7.

- Creative Escape - watch a new video each Tuesday with a fun craft perfect for gifting (or keeping). In the coming weeks we will make picture frames in four different ways! Follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our Youtube channel to follow along.
- Watch Facebook for Friday Fun Facts which are historical tidbits about La Quinta.
- Be sure to follow the La Quinta Museum on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our new YouTube channel for all the latest events! <https://www.facebook.com/LaQuintaMuseum>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIIw8axX6aCIb\\_qTqZzeo4g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIIw8axX6aCIb_qTqZzeo4g)

### **Code Compliance**

- **Code Compliance** is available to answer questions and respond to complaints from the public at (760) 777-7050; Monday–Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Please call the **Short-Term Vacation Hotline to report any violations at (760) 777-7157, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**
- This past week, Code Compliance inspected 171 properties, opened 23 cases, closed 58 cases, 17 notices of violation, 1 courtesy notice, 2 administrative citations, 3 final notices of violation, 1 notice of public nuisance and 169 other actions.
- **211 Riverside County** is the County of Riverside designated information line for COVID-19 public inquiries. Operators are available any time to answer your questions and to provide the most up to date public health information available. Additionally, operators will help provide referrals to services such as food, shelter, and other health related requests. To speak with an operator, dial 211 OR (800) 464-1123.
- To receive updates about COVID-19 information and resources straight to your phone through Nixel, text 92253 to 888-777.

### **DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**

- **The Hub/Permit Center is open with limited access.** In-person consultation is available by appointment only and appointments can be made by going to <https://www.laquintaca.gov/hubappointments>. Telephonic and on-line services for permits, applications, payments, and inspection appointments remain as options for conducting business. The Hub on-line services are available through <http://laquinta.trakit.net/etrakit3/>.
- Short-Term Vacation Rental on-line services can be accessed at <http://laquinta.munirevs.com>. City staff is available by phone at (760) 777-7125 or via email at <mailto:customercenter@laquintaca.gov> to answer any questions.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Washington Fred Waring Triple Left – **Traffic Alert**
  - **The cities of Indian Wells, La Quinta and Palm Desert will be constructing the Washington Street at Fred Waring Drive Triple Left Turn project from November 5, 2020 through mid-February 2021. There will be traffic impacts during construction, with closures of the outer lanes on both Fred Waring and Washington near the intersection. WE RECOMMEND ALTERNATE ROUTES AND ALLOWING EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVEL.**